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SUBJ: ECOSOC 55-ASSISTANCE TO SOUTHERN SUDANESE RETURNEES-  
ITEM 23

1. SUMMARY. ITEM ON UN ASSISTANCE TO SOUTHERN SUDANESE RETURNEES AND DISPLACED PERSONS INTRODUCED BY UN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES SADRUDDIN AGA KHAN JULY 26 IN ECOSOC COORDINATION COMMITTEE. STATEMENT FOLLOWED BY BRIEF DEBATE AND CONSENSUS ADOPTION OF TEN-POWER RESOLUTION INTER ALIS NOTING EXTENSION OF UNHCR OPERATIONS UNTIL OCTOBER 31, 1973 AND CALLING FOR FURTHER ASSISTANCE TO GOVT OF SUDAN. UNHCR STATEMENT BEING POUCHED SEPARATELY TO DEPT. END SUMMARY.

2. UNHCR PRESENTED PROGRESS REPORT TO ECOSOC UPDATING PREVIOUS INFORMATION. HIGHLIGHTS OF REPORT INCLUDE STATEMENT THAT FINANCIAL TARGET OF OPERATION, I.E., \$20,600,000 IS NOW VIRTUALLY COVERED. UNHCR ALSO NOTED 23,000 MT FOOD CHANNELLED TO SOUTHERN SUDAN DURING PAST TEN MONTHS, THANKS TO "VERY SIZEABLE CONTRIBUTION IN KIND FROM THE US."

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3. HCR ANNOUNCED REPATRIATION OPERATIONS FROM ETHIOPIA AND CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC NOW COMPLETE. HE EXPECTS REPATRIATION FROM ZAIRE TO BE COMPLETED DURING MONTH OF AUGUST AND FROM UGANDA BY END OF OCTOBER. VEHICLES USED IN REPATRIATION OPERATION ARE BEING GRADUALLY TRANSFERRED TO SOUTHERN SUDAN AUTHORITIES AS MOVEMENTS ARE COMPLETED.

4. IN RESPONSE TO REQUEST FROM GOVT OF SUDAN AND "IN FULL AGREEMENT WITH THE SYG AS WELL AS WITH ADMINISTRATOR OF UNDP AND WITH THE REPRESENTATIVE OF UNDP IN SUDAN" IT WAS DECIDED TO EXTEND DURATION OF UNHCR PROGRAM UNTIL OCTOBER 31, 1973. HE STATED THAT THIS DECISION WOULD NOT INVOLVE "LAUNCHING OF NEW PROJECTS" BY UNHCR BUT ONLY THE COMPLETION OF THOSE ALREADY PLANNED AND THAT IT WILL NOT IN ANY WAY POSTPONE THE LAUNCHING BY UNDP OF ITS OWN LONG-TERM MEASURES OF ASSISTANCE.

5. FOLLOWING UNHCR STATEMENT US REP MADE INTERVENTION REFERRING TO RECENT DECISION TO EXTEND UNHCR OPERATIONS TO OCTOBER 31 AND HOPING THAT THIS ADDITIONAL FOUR-MONTH PERIOD WOULD BE USED BY BOTH UNHCR AND UNDP TO CARRY THROUGH EFFECTIVE TRANSITION OF UN OPERATIONS.

6. FURTHER BRIEF LAUDATORY INTERVENTIONS WERE MADE BY KENYA, GHANA AND SUDAN, FOLLOWING WHICH RESOLUTION (QUOTED BELOW) SPONSORED BY BRAZIL, EGYPT, KENYA, MALI, MADAGASCAR, GHANA, PAKISTAN, SWEDEN, UK, US WAS ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS.

7. QUOTE. THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL,

RECALLING ITS RESOLUTIONS 1655 (LII) OF 1 JUNE 1972, 1705 (LIII) OF 27 JULY 1972 AND 1741 (LIV) OF 4 MAY 1973, AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 2958 (XXVII) OF 12 DECEMBER 1972,

NOTING WITH APPRECIATION THE EFFORTS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE SUDAN WHICH RESULTED IN THE PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF THE PROBLEM OF SOUTHERN SUDAN,

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REALIZING THAT THE REGION, HAVING SUFFERED THE CONSEQUENCES OF A SEVENTEEN YEARS CIVIL STRIFE, REQUIRES A LONG-TERM PROGRAMME FOR THE FULL NORMALIZATION OF THE SITUATION,

EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR THE FULL CO-OPERATION EXTENDED BY THE GOVERNMENTS OF CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC,

ETHIOPIA, UGANDA AND ZAIRE TOWARDS THE VOLUNTARY REPA-  
TRIATION OF SUDANESE REFUGEES,

COGNIZANT OF THE COMMENDABLE EFFORTS OF THE UNITED  
NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES IN THE CO-ORDINATION  
OF THE RELIEF OPERATIONS, THE RESETTLEMENT AND THE  
REHABILITATION IN THE SOUTHERN SUDAN,

1. RENEWS ITS APPRECIATION TO ALL GOVERNMENTS,  
UNITED NATIONS AGENCIES AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS  
FOR RESPONSE TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL AND THE UNITED  
NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES APPEALS AND FOR  
PARTICIPATION IN ASSISTANCE TO SOUTHERN SUDANESE RETURNEES  
AND DISPLACED PERSONS;

2. NOTES THE EXTENSION, UNTIL 31 OCTOBER 1973, OF THE  
ARRANGEMENTS MADE BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL AT THE REQUEST  
OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SUDAN FOR THE CO-ORDINATION OF  
RELIEF, RESETTLEMENT AND REHABILITATION OPERATIONS BY THE  
UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES AND OF THE  
FACT THAT THIS EXTENSION SHALL NOT AFFECT THE LAUNCHING OF  
THE COUNTRY PROGRAMME OF THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT  
PROGRAMME IN RESPECT OF LONGER-TERM ASSISTANCE;

3. CALLS UPON GOVERNMENTS, UNITED NATIONS AGENCIES  
AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS TO FURTHER EXTEND  
THEIR ASSISTANCE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SUDAN IN ITS  
EFFORTS TOWARDS THE NORMALIZATION OF THE SITUATION IN THE  
REGION;

4. REQUESTS THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR  
REFUGEES TO SUBMIT A FINAL REPORT TO THE ECONOMIC AND  
SOCIAL COUNCIL AT ITS FIFTY-SIXTH SESSION. END QUOTE.  
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